

CABINET – 17 NOVEMBER 2016

Written response to questioner 2 not present at the meeting

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Questioner: Minesh Joshi

Asked of: Councillor Sachin Shah, Leader of the Council and Portfolio Holder for Strategy, Partnerships and Devolution

Question: “As leader of our Council, would you be able to give me an understanding as to why street cleaning (litter and bin collections) and general maintenance (grass verges, shrubs, trees, pavements, roads) of the Canons Park area has become so poor over the past few years, and what can be done to improve the area?”

This question comes to you from a local resident of Canons Park, who has seen a great deterioration in the environment of the area in the past few years, and someone who has been trying for some time now to get attention from various Council teams to help address it, but unfortunately to no avail.

There have been several large developments in the area, such as Stanmore Place housing and The Hive football ground, yet local, long-standing, residents have seen little in the way of funds or resources to help minimise all the negative effects that such developments inevitably bring.

Thank you.”

Written Response: You are absolutely right that where there are local developments, local residents must see the benefits. One of my priorities as Leader is what I call ‘Spreading the benefits of regeneration’.

Your idea is exactly what I aim to do, which is to plough back money or services into an area to deal with the negative impacts of any development. We are still working on plans for how we do this, but over the next year you will see the plan develop.